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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action dated June 14, 2001, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider the following election and remarks.

In the Official Action dated June 14, 2001, the Examiner entered a Restriction Requirement. Specifically, the Examiner identified the following three groups of claims as reciting patentably distinct inventions:

Claims

1 to 7;

8 to 12; and

13 to 24.